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Togo Ready For Battle

Whole Japanese Squadron May Go South to Meet Admiral Rojestvensky.

Kamimura Will Signal Approach of Russian Second Pacific Squadron.

Lines in the North are in Close Touch But no Serious Engagement.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Telegraphing from Tokyo, the correspondent of the Daily Express says he learns that, in the event of Admiral Kamimura, who is reported to have gone south with a squadron of powerful cruisers, notifying it of the approach of the Russian second Pacific squadron, the whole Japanese fleet which has been operating at Port Arthur will be ready to proceed south on a day's notice to give battle.

At present, Dec. 23.—It is reported that Grand Duke Vladimir will be appointed president of the Council of the Empire, being succeeded as commander-in-chief of the Imperial Guard by Grand Duke Nicholas Nikolaevitch.

Mukden, Dec. 23.—Volunteers the night of December 21st occupied Japanese trenches opposite their positions. Three trenches were evacuated by the Japanese with very little fighting. The volunteers were surprised to find a box lying in plain view, which they opened carefully, fearing that it might contain explosives, but they found in it wine, biscuits and sweets.

Mukden, Dec. 23.—V. E. Craznesky, correspondent of the Russkaya Slava, has just arrived at San Francisco after a long and hazardous trip through Japan, where he traveled as an American journalist under the name of Percy Palmer. He undertook the journey to ascertain the real situation of affairs in the enemy's country. He had a complete American outfit and arranged to have letters forwarded from various cities in the United States. He telegraphed to the Russkaya Slava from San Francisco that he visited Yokohama, Tokyo, Sasebo and several other cities, photographed the Russian prison camp, examined the hospitals, fortress and workshops.

He is bringing home a mass of material which will make many interesting stories. He says his most dangerous moment was when he inspected 3,000 Russian prisoners. If he had been recognized by one of them he would have received short shrift.

General Oku's Headquarters, via Fusan, Thursday, Dec. 22.—(Delayed in Transmission.) The Russians along the front of General Oku's army during the night of December 20 made a determined attack on Lamuting, but were driven back with heavy loss. The Japanese sustained no casualties.

Disputed Russian cavalry attacked the cavalry of the extreme left of the Japanese line on the night of December 20 and 21, but were repulsed with heavy loss.

Small details of Russians nightly attack Japanese outposts and patrols, but with small success.

Mukden, Nov. 21.—(Correspondence Associated Press.)—Apparently there is little personal animosity toward the Japanese among the European Russians. The Russian researcher goes out to fight simply because the Emperor wills it and takes little interest in the political reasons involved in the struggle. But with the Siberians it is different. The war is closer to their native soil and they regard the Japanese as their natural enemies.

For this reason the only animosity that has been displayed toward the Japanese wounded has been in those hospitals where there were a majority of Siberians. The Siberians on the other hand, have showed a decided partiality for Japanese patients, and there has been some jealousy aroused among the Siberians who thought the Japanese were getting the best of it at the hands of the nurses.

Most of the Japanese wounded have, therefore, been placed in the hospitals with Russian soldiers. The Finns, almost alone of the Europeans, take interest in the policies of the fighting, but they make none the worse soldiers for that.

One of the most inexplicable things to the Russian soldier is the fact that the Japanese commits suicide when endangered with defeat. There are so many eye-witness reports of this nature that it is impossible to discredit them all. Japanese officers especially seem to make a practice of saving their last cartridge for themselves. A Russian under the circumstances would rather go down fighting, leaving his enemies to do the killing if he thought there was nothing to be gained by holding on. In the capture of Pontiff (Lone Tree) his especially there were a number of such cases.

When the Japanese batteries were captured one officer shot himself across his gun. Another drew his sword and fenced at the empty air until he was shot. During the same fight two villages occupied by the Japanese were surrounded and burned. Numbers of the Japanese were killed in the houses and were burned to death. A Russian officer killed two Japanese prisoners out of a blazing hut, but one slipped back and perished in the flames. Japanese officers were found in the huts after the fighting, huddled in chairs and suffocated, sitting in chairs as if they had been quietly awaiting their doom.

Correspondence of Associated Press.

Mukden, Nov. 25.—Wild and rough as are the Cossacks, they are very sentimental and susceptible to emotion. A most striking sight was that of the whole of Mistechenko's division paying respect to the remains of the four Cossacks killed below Sindo. Sisto and his retainers were there and were fanned. Regiment, to which the men belonged, was accorded the place of honor. There were no coffins, the bodies being wrapped in straw, but smothered with wild flowers that gladdened bloodstains soaking through the covering were hidden till the corpses were interred. The church necessities were scanty. On an old table, bought from a deserted Chinese, was placed a regimental ikon, and before it a single wax candle.

The priest of the Baranovski regiment officiated, and when he took his place before the table, the order, "Hats off," was passed down the line, and Mistechenko, setting the example, uncovered and bowed his head, while his men knelt, hunched, each with his carbine between his knees. The temple was in a valley with green hills rising on the side. The service, simple but affecting, was soon over. The priest blessed the bodies and they were fanned on the shoulders and borne up the hill past the regiments and the band played a dead march. Mistechenko and his (Continued on Page Two.)

CHURCH BURNED.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 23.—The beautiful new Icelandic church on Nona street, erected last summer and occupied only a month, was destroyed by fire this afternoon.

SIGNED THE TREATY.

Madrid, Dec. 23.—The ministerial council has signed the American Spanish arbitration treaty.

DISASTER NEAR PARIS.

Paris, Dec. 23.—During a fog which completely disorganized traffic the London-Boulogne express ran into the Lille express outside the north station, smashing the last carriage of the Lille express. Six corpses have been recovered and it is feared that more are injured. All the victims are French.

SMUGGLER SURRENDERS.

New York, Dec. 23.—Charged with having smuggled 934 pounds of tobacco into the United States from Canada, and indicted by the federal grand jury in Michigan, B. Hyman today surrendered himself to United States Commissioner Shields and was held in \$1,000 bail for examination. The charge is made that Hyman took the tobacco, valued at \$3,000, from a bonded warehouse in New York, shipped it to Canada and then smuggled it into the United States. Hyman denies the charge.

PLAYS BASKETBALL.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 23.—The Central Y. M. C. A. Basketball team, which holds the second place in the world's championship and the first place in the National Y. M. C. A. championship, will play at Toronto, Ont., December 29th, Hamilton, Ont., December 30th, and London, Ont., December 31st.

London Gossip By The Cable

King Edward Hesitated to Approve of Plan of Colonial Naval Reduction.

Kingston Ireland Dockyard Is Closed Down -- Minto Addresses Meeting.

LONDON, Eng., Dec. 23.—Cables from Toronto say a sensation has been caused in Canada by the Imperial government's determination to withdraw the naval and military forces from Canada. It is understood on high authority that the King has hesitated to approve the plan. He only withdrew his opposition when it was proven beyond all doubt that a redistribution of the navy would give the present North American squadron which does not consist of a single battleship admiral. They assured the King that within five days from whenever danger arose such a tremendous fleet of battleships could be brought into Canadian waters as would overwhelm any conceivable enemy. Orders have consequently gone out from the admiralty for the withdrawal of practically the whole American squadron. The expectation is that the smallest possible amount of imperial money will be spent in the future.

Owing to naval reorganization, the admiralty has issued orders that the Kingston, Ireland, dockyard be immediately closed.

Lord Minto addressed a deputation from a south of Scotland chamber of commerce at Hawick railway station. He expressed the hope that Canada and the empire generally will all pull together and render the prospect as great in the future as in the past few years. Minto had acknowledged the reception. The Canadian National Anthem was sung.

ROW AMONGST THE PUGILISTS

"Battling" Nelson Claims He Is Defrauded of a Large Sum.

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—"Battling" Nelson, the pugilist believing that he has been defrauded of the bulk of the receipts of a recent glove contest today swore out warrants against his manager Ted Murphy, and Eddie Santry, formerly his sparring partner, accusing them of embezzlement of \$7,271. Bail in each case was fixed at \$25,000 bonds, or \$5,000 cash. Both Murphy and Santry were placed under arrest in Stockton on their arrival from this city eastward bound. They will be brought here to answer the charge.

Stockton, Dec. 23.—Murphy and Santry, who have arrived here, profess innocence of the charge of embezzlement brought against them by "Battling" Nelson.

MAYOR RENOMINATED.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—Mayor Urephair was renominated for the mayoralty chair today, along with George Goodrich and W. D. McPherson.

TRACE OF MORPHINE.

Paris, Dec. 24.—A morning paper affirms that a chemical analysis of the intestines of the late Deputy Syveston revealed the presence of morphine, and concludes from this that Syveston was drugged before he suffocated.

A PITCAIRN WRECK.

Papeete, Tahiti, Dec. 10, via San Francisco, Dec. 23.—The Pitcairn Island cruising cutter has been wrecked. Mr. Coffin, one of the passengers, was drowned. Three young men managed to make their escape by swimming eight miles in a rough sea.

ANNIVERSARY GIFT.

Berlin, Dec. 23.—The cities of Schleswig and Holstein are arranging to purchase and present to Emperor William and Empress Augusta a Victoria at their approaching silver wedding anniversary. The house in Hamburg in which the Empress spent a number of her childhood years.

Chinamen Have Plan

Smugglers Devise New Scheme to Get Mongolians to United States.

Go via Liverpool and Halifax to the Maine Border.

The Same Scheme Was Worked Successfully Several Years Ago.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Information has reached the immigration authorities of a scheme by which it is proposed to bring into this country Chinese, who in the regular order of events might be refused admission. The proposition is to take the Chinamen from China to Liverpool, and then through to New York via Halifax or St. John. At Rouse's point on the border, no detention house of the immigration service is located, and the Chinese entering the country there would not be subject to the investigation of the immigration board of inspectors. They would be searched, however, by United States marshals, but this proceeding would bring the case in due course before the United States Commissioner. Each Chinaman would be provided with papers indicating that he was a resident of this country and had a right, therefore to return to it. Such papers, the officials assert, are not difficult to obtain.

The same scheme was worked successfully several years ago along the Canadian border until broken up by the establishment of detention houses.

A ROUGH PASSAGE.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 23.—The belated Leyland steamer Caledonia, Captain Slater, arrived here today after a rough passage of sixteen days from Manchester. During the trip not more than six hours of good weather prevailed.

EXPLORE ARCTIC ROUTE.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—The admiralty is perfecting arrangements to dispatch as soon as the war is over an expedition headed by Admiral Vilkitsky, chief of the hydrographic bureau, to thoroughly explore the Arctic route to the Far East, especially with reference to the question of the Kara straits. The expedition is expected to require from three to five years to complete its work.

FORMER PRINCESS STILL AT LEIPZIG

Was Overcome by a Sudden Impulse to See Her Children.

Leipzig, Dec. 23.—Countess Montignoso, formerly Crown Princess Louise, is still here. Inquiries at the villa of Dr. Zehme, counsel for the Countess, brought an answer from the attorney's wife that the Countess was not yet in a condition to travel. The mental excitement of the past few days has told severely on her physical strength. It seems that the Countess was overcome by a sudden impulse to see her children, and left Florence without informing her parents at Salzburg or anybody in Saxony. Mr. Loos is a guest at the Hotel Dresden. Leipzig by Chief of Police Dresden, who was met at the station by a high police officer of Leipzig. The countess made the impression on the crowds at the station that she was suffering from despondency.

It is firmly denied here that the Saxony government has issued an order for the expulsion of the Countess of Saxony.

The semi-official Dresdener Anzeiger today adopts an icy tone to the Countess of Montignoso in discussing her attempt to see her children. The paper says her contract with the court physician to have given the Countess to understand that her wish to see them would not be gratified and that her duty is to take the consequences of her former behaviour and avoid doing anything to disturb public opinion at the Saxon capital.

Another journal says that the Countess purpose seeing the King as well as her children, and that the King's representative informed her that the meeting was impossible.

Much excitement prevails over an expression which the Countess is said to have given. She is reported to have said: "I love my Saxon land. I am coming back soon."

This utterance possibly refers to a conditional course given to the Countess by the King's representative at her hotel here. It is creditably asserted that His Majesty's representative told her that she might hope to see her children after the excitement in the kingdom had further subsided and the children had been prepared beforehand for her visit.

NO SIGN OF THE FOG CLEARING

London Still Enveloped by Black Vapor and Traffic Is Suspended.

London, Dec. 23.—Late tonight various steamships are still detained, but the fog shows no sign of clearing.

The fog in London practically disappeared this afternoon, before a westerly breeze. Reports from the coast show a continuance of the dislocation of traffic. According to a telegram from Liverpool at 10 o'clock this morning the White Star line steamers Oceanic and Cedric were still fog-bound in the Mersey.

The vessels, said to be the Hamburg-American line steamer Pretoria, reported last night with others as being fog-bound in the Mersey, were not the Pretoria, but the Allan liner Pretorian, bound from Liverpool for St. John. The Pretorian, having Dr. Leroy S. Chadwick, of Cleveland, Ohio, and his daughter among her passengers, was last reported leaving Boulogne, Sur-Mer, on December 18, for New York, and is due December 28 or 29.

THRILLING RESCUE.

New York, Dec. 23.—The fate of the 39-ton Sydney, C. B. schooner Josie M. Calderwood, which sailed from Baltimore early in November, was learned today when the German steamer Barcelona came in with a story of a thrilling rescue at sea. The captain and four men composing the crew of the Calderwood, were taken from the little craft after a frightful experience, when they were ready to abandon hope. The Barcelona came upon the Calderwood when she was three days out from Baltimore, on November 28.

SALE IS APPROVED.

New York & Ottawa Railway Transferred for \$1,000,000.

New York, Dec. 23.—Judge LaCombs, in an order approving the sale on December 22 in St. Regis Falls, N. Y., by Chas. Garish, special master-in-chancery, of the New York & Ottawa Railway Company to John Carstens, who bid the property for \$1,000,000. The road is in the upper lake region in St. Lawrence and Franklin counties of New York state, and is 71 miles in length.

The sale was the result of an action begun by the Morton Trust Company, the trustees of the road's mortgage bonds, for foreclosure. A number of the stockholders opposed the foreclosure, but the federal court ordered the special master-in-chancery to sell. The purchaser receives the road, with all its equipment, 9,610 shares of stock of an issue of 10,000 shares for the capital stock of the company, which is a Canadian corporation; 2,495 shares out of an issue of 2,500 of the capital stock of the New York Bridge Company, a New Jersey corporation, and \$275,000 of the second mortgage bonds of the railway company.

Day's Happenings At Vancouver

A Contractor Named Horribin Had What May Prove a Fatal Fall.

A Real Estate Deal — the Nicola Valley Railway Project Favored.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

Vancouver, Dec. 23.—What may prove a fatal accident occurred this morning at a foot race on the waterfront. A contractor by the name of Horribin, who lives in Mount Pleasant, was inspecting a chimney on the old Masonic hall building, four storeys high, when he fell to the ground. So great was the force of his fall that the boards of the sidewalk were broken. The man fell on his face and was very badly bruised about the head, and it would seem that a number of bones were broken. He was unconscious when taken to the City hospital in one of the Hudson's Bay Company's delivery wagons, the ambulance not arriving till some time after, as is usually the case.

Steve Jones today paid \$45,000 cash for a lot on the northwest corner of Hastings and Homer streets, owned by David Spencer, Victoria.

The body of a Japanese was found today at North Vancouver with a bullet in the neck. It is probably a case of suicide.

"I will certainly build the Nicola valley road if the provincial government will do only as much as they have done to encourage other roads in the province." This statement was made today at the Colonist correspondent by E. J. Loos, Mr. Loos is a guest at the Hotel Vancouver. He said, in answer to numerous questions: "I have just come from a very careful inspection of the proposed route of the road from the north line of the C. P. R. through the Nicola valley, past the Nickel Plate mine properties and past all the wide coal areas. I have bought out the interests of A. Jukes, E. Begy and associates. Of course, having bought them out, I have no hesitancy in taking a chance on building the road. That is (Continued on Page Two.)

A CRISIS IN MOROCCO AFFAIRS

Powers Have Notified All Foreigners to Quit Fez at Once.

Paris, Dec. 24.—The correspondent at Tangier of the Matin says that, after calling at the French mission, the ministers of the several powers ordered all the people of their nationalities to quit Fez.

Paris, Dec. 23.—The foreign office considers the situation in Morocco to be extremely grave. The Sultan's dismissal of his French and other military advisers has been followed by a number of other acts showing his intention to interrupt the execution of the French policy. The French minister at Tangier has been instructed to secure the withdrawal from the Moroccan capital of the French consul, the commander and all the members of the military mission and all the French citizens unless the Sultan ceases his previous offensive action, and offers suitable explanation.

The French minister has been instructed to communicate this to the Sultan at the same time he notifies the consuls, military men and citizens to prepare to depart.

The officials here say that no definite, military or naval steps, have yet been taken as these await the Sultan's response to the minister's demand, but a demonstration in force will follow if a suitable explanation and reparation are not promptly given.

UNSUCCESSFUL SEARCH.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Dec. 23.—The tug Reid has returned from Caribou Island after an unsuccessful search for W. O. Demers, lightkeeper there, and Fred Pelletier Demers, assistant, who have not been heard of for several weeks. There was so much fog of life of any kind on the island, and it is feared that the two men perished in an attempt to reach the north shore in a small boat.

SEIZE AMMUNITION.

London, Dec. 24.—The Times correspondent at Peking reports that the Chinese have seized at the Fengtai station near Peking, three million rounds of Russian ammunition consigned to a Russian agent. The ammunition was evidently signed for Port Arthur. The ammunition was concealed in bales of wool from Kailwan on camels.

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Jury Stood Six To Six

Fail to Agree on Verdict in Nan Patterson Murder Trial at New York.

Show, Girl Breaks Down Under Day of Terrible Excitement.

Counsel in Doubt as to Whether There Will Be a Third Trial.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Following a day of intense nervous strain, Nan Patterson tonight is in the Tombs, and perhaps on the verge of a breakdown, but with constant attendance.

The former showgirl, expecting acquittal at the hands of the jury, went into court this noon to learn that the twelve men chosen to decide as to her innocence or guilt had been unable to reach an agreement.

The jury stood six to six. Although no official announcement was made further than this, courthouse talk had it that of the six deciding against Miss Patterson, none were for conviction of Miss Patterson of murder in the first degree; that one held for murder in the second degree, two for manslaughter in the first degree and three for manslaughter in the second degree.

Immediately the announcement of the verdict was made Miss Patterson broke into a fit of weeping, which continued even after she was led from the courtroom to another chamber, where physicians were called and restoratives administered.

Then she was taken to the Tombs, but again weeping became hysterical, and the officers of her father and the prison physicians to soothe her were unable.

Abraham Levy, counsel for Miss Patterson, called on her in the Tombs today and remained with her an hour. He said after he left her: "She is almost constantly hysterical, but I don't think she will collapse. I hope I left her in a somewhat better state of mind. Of course, I cannot tell what we will do for her yet. The counsel for the defense will have a consultation and will then do the best we can for her. If the retrial is not immediate I am going to make an effort to get bail for her. I will plead with Mr. Jerome to give the bail to \$15,000, and I will be able, I think, to arrange for that amount and let her have her freedom while awaiting the trial. She is a nervous wrecking ordeal she has to face."

The jury took but one ballot, according to the foreman, and devoted the remainder of the time to discussion. For twenty-four hours they discussed the evidence, and one juror is quoted to-night as saying that one of those who stood for acquittal tried on the coat which Young wore at the time of his death, and with a revolver attempted to demonstrate that suicide was possible.

Abraham Levy tonight issued a statement, in the course of which he said: "From our understanding of the law applicable to it and a careful analysis of the material proofs which could be regarded as having any legal or logical relation to the case, we felt confident that the trial would result in the girl's acquittal, and we are disappointed at the outcome."

"We are more convinced than ever that a verdict of 'guilty' never will be reached in the case. Whether there is to be a third trial is a matter largely resting in the official judgment of the district attorney, whose conclusion on the subject will necessarily be affected by his legal judgment as to the probability of conviction and whether the country should stand the enormous expense of another trial."

Mr. Levy continued: "The defendant is without means. When counsel assumed the defense of her case it was with the understanding and in the expectation that the defendant would be sufficiently equipped with means, if not to supply compensation at least to meet the district expenses."

"This she has not been able to do. We did not call on the stenographer to take testimony" out were obliged to depend on our own notes given through the trial for over three weeks.

"There were many other embarrassments from which the defendant suffered, not the least of which was the non-appearance of witnesses which were well known. We are in doubt, however, whether the district attorney will move for a third trial of the case."

TROUBLE IN PHILIPPINES.

Manila, Dec. 23.—The Pula Janes have ambushed and killed at Dolores, on the Island of Samar, a Lieutenant and 37 enlisted men of the 38th company of native scouts.

Two thousand Pula Janes, it is said, threaten the town of Dolores and the situation is said to be critical. Lieut. Abbott, in command of the scouts, has requested that aid be sent him.

CHURCH CONFERENCE.

A Statement Respecting the Prospects for Suggested Union.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—The secretaries of the joint committee on church union have issued an official synopsis of the proceedings of the conference. It contains little that is new. It states that the interchange of views was "marked by the unbroken freedom, but was pervaded throughout by a spirit of kindness and mutual forbearance."

The Presbyterian and Congregational committees, as a result of their deliberations, reported without comment in favor of the appointment of a sub-committee, but the Methodist committee report contained the expression of opinion that, while difficulties may present themselves in all of the churches, they do not at present appear to be any insuperable barrier to a union of the church as suggested and promoted by the general conference.

The statement concludes: "It should be understood that the committee will not be engaged at present in preparing a basis of union, but will meet for further conference to exchange views and to ascertain whether it be practicable to reach a common basis that might be submitted to the churches concerned. It was universally recognized in the joint committee that question so important and far-reaching in its results is not one to be unduly hurried; that a union of the church, not based on the appointment of a sub-committee, would be a step in the wrong direction, and that no final step could be taken until complete agreement had been reached on the whole question in the minds of the churches and by people generally."

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Day's Happenings
At The Capital**Funeral of Late Prominent Citizen Under Very Pathetic Circumstances.****A Special Hydrographic Survey to Be Made in British Columbia.**

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—The return of T. F. Duncans and W. H. Gallier will be gazetted tomorrow.

Monday, December 26th and January 2nd have been declared public holidays for the civil service.

Following the decision of the department of marine and fisheries to take full control of hydrographic work in Canada, it is the intention to procure a special hydrographic survey operation in British Columbia.

The remains of the late F. X. St. Jacques were laid at rest in Notre Dame Roman Catholic cemetery this morning under circumstances of the most pathetic character. Though there was considerable misunderstanding as to whether or not the funeral would be private, a great number of citizens were tonight in a building showman to pay a last tribute to one of Ottawa's representative men. There was no funeral service, a fact which caused considerable comment. As stated last evening, it was intended to have church services, but while the deceased came of Catholic parents, he was an active member of Fidelity Lodge, A. F. & A. M. The church authorities decided to allow the holding of the accustomed religious services, and as the Masonic fraternity was not consulted by the family, when the decision of the church people was made known they had to stand aloof. Before the body was removed from the house Mr. Bohm, an old employee of the deceased in the Russell Cafe, recited the rosary in the presence of immediate relatives. Then the cortege formed and proceeded to the cemetery where interment took place. There were no prayers at the graveside. The chief mourners were brothers of the deceased, Samuel Henry and Hillard St. Jacques.

The working expenses for the Intercolonial railroad during the four months ending October 31st amounted to \$2,768,472 and receipts to \$2,473,977, leaving a deficit for the period named of \$294,495.

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Japanese Officers
Watching Colliers**Aorangi Brings News of Presence of Japanese Naval Men in South Seas.****Watching Forty German Steamers Carrying Coal—German-Australian Differences.**

Advises were received by the steamer Aorangi, which arrived yesterday from Australia, that three Japanese officers arrived at Fremantle shortly before her departure, with the intention of proceeding to the South Seas to watch the movements of forty German steamers reported to be in the vicinity for the purpose of coaling the Baltic fleet. H. M. S. Plyades and Cadmus, which were despatched by the Australian squadron to search for the ships, reported to be cruising in Torres straits, have returned to Sydney without finding any trace of the Russian vessels.

Differences have arisen between the Commonwealth of Australia and Germany with regard to the exclusive policy adopted by Germany in the South Pacific. The question arose after the steamer Ysabel had been held by the Germans until a license of \$2,250 per month was paid for trading in the Marshall group. Then a duty of eight dollars a ton was imposed on coals shipped in the group on British vessels from Australia. Australia is considerably aroused over Germany's interference in the Commonwealth's commercial activity in the South Seas. There is talk of reprisals. Negotiations are expected to take place regarding the matter. Australia having represented her grievances to London. Australian papers publish strong articles regarding the manner in which Germany is strengthening "an octopus grip" upon the South Seas. German action in the Carolines, Solomons, Samoa, New Britain and part of New Guinea is insisted.

H. M. S. Mutine, which has returned to Australia from a South Sea cruise, reported that tribal wars were being carried on in the New Hebrides and many natives were being killed, especially on the island of Malakula. With the French warships Muerthe investigations into the "cutting out" of two trading vessels and the natives who murdered part of the vessel's crews were continued by the French. Four natives were executed for the murder of Capt. Penecost, master of a trading vessel that was attacked and two were punished with death for the murder of the captain and mate of the ketch La Perle. A joint commission was held by officers of the British and French ships to hear complaints of settlers, mostly concerning land disputes.

Vice Admiral Pauschaw of the Australian British squadron, has returned to Sydney after a conference with Vice Admiral Scl of the China squadron and Vice Admiral Atkinson-Willes of the East Indies squadron. The object of the conference was to formulate a scheme whereby the three fleets may co-operate in time of war.

Togo Reay
For Battle

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staff followed on foot like the rest, and, after the Cossacks placed the bodies in the open graves, the priest threw in a handful of earth and read the offices. Then the general shook hands with the priest, thanking him for his attendance on the dead soldiers. Mischenko then briefly addressed the men, warning them, under the circumstances, to commit any reprisal on the dead or wounded Japanese who may fall into their hands, and so far as I have ever heard, this mandate has been observed. But before the day was out we had another skirmish with the Japanese, and I heard that every man cut a cross on his cartridge before firing.

Day's Happenings
At Vancouver

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my business, building railways. The name of the firm is E. C. Loss. This is the undertaking company, the financial company is a different corporation and its identity is only known to the bank. I will say this, that the bank named will be sufficient guarantee to those whose business it is to consider my bona fides that the money is available to build the road at any time. Should the provincial government show some slight desire to build a \$5,000 a mile for the first forty-five miles, we will build the road. This might be done by shifting the boats from some road that will never be built to the Nicola valley road, which will be built within eighteen months after the aid is promised. I did a section of the work on the Lachine canal for the government; this was a \$5,000,000 job.

BOISEVAIN FIRE.

Boisevain, Man., Dec. 23.—Munro's bakery was burned to the ground tonight. A family named Hudson residing there barely escaped with their lives. No insurance.

New Mixed Nuts, 15c lb; Fancy Table Raisins, 35c box. Dixl H. Ross & Co.**FINE EDIFICE DESTROYED.**

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—The Icelandic Lutheran church, destroyed by fire to-day, was dedicated only last June. It cost \$40,000 and was the finest edifice of the denomination in the world. The fire originated near the furnace.

FOG HAS LIFTED.

Liverpool, Dec. 24.—The fog lifted at 2 o'clock and the White Star liner Oceanic and the Cunard liner Saxonia will shortly land their passengers.

Watson's Scotch, 51c bottle; St. Augustine Port, 50c bottle; Gold Lion Cocktails, \$1.25 bottle. Dixl H. Ross & Co.

HOCKEY AT NEW YORK.

New York, Dec. 23.—The Canadians went down to defeat tonight at hockey before the Americans. The Hockey Club, champions of the Dominion, being defeated by the champion Wanderers Club of this city by a score of five goals to three at Nicholas rink. The first half closed with the score three to one in the Wanderers' favor. The Canadians made a desperate effort in the second half, but failed. In this half several men on each side were hurt and three men were put off the ice for rough work.

The Finest Xmas Fruits, Wines and Liquors. Dixl H. Ross & Co.**Local News.**

Sheriff Ill.—Sheriff Richards is confined to his residence with a nasty attack of rheumatism.

Colonist on Monday.—Monday being a statutory holiday, the Daily Colonist will appear on Monday morning and not on Tuesday morning.

Holiday on Monday.—Monday, December 26th, will be generally observed as a holiday, and it is expected that most of the stores will be closed. A great many people are arranging to have their Christmas dinner and entertainment on Monday.

Chinese Conspiracy.—The hearing of the Chinese conspiracy case, in which a number of Chinese are charged with conspiring to secure the conviction of Wong On and Wong Gow for the murder of a Chinese theatre manager at the Chinese theatre on January 31st last, was continued yesterday in the Assize court.

In Their New Home.—The extensive alterations and improvements which have been for some weeks past in progress at the Pacific Club on Fort Street, have advanced so far towards completion that the members will resume possession today and spend the Christmas in their old but transformed home. The formal reopening will probably take place before the new year. The new club is one of the handsomest and best furnished in the Canadian West.

Merriment Reigned.—One of the largest and merriest Christmas entertainments of the season in the Island on Thursday evening, a Christmas tree being despoiled of its glittering stores, and dancing following to inspiring music. A large number of Victoria and Vancouver commercial men were among the interested attendants and testify to the graceful and cordial hospitality of the residents.

Drawing for Gramophone.—The drawing for the White Swan soap gramophone took place yesterday afternoon at the West End grocery store, the lucky number being coupon No. 1,052. The soap drawing the winning ticket was sold by Johns Bros. The lucky holder of the coupon representing the above number can have the gramophone by calling at the office of the B. C. Soap Company, Humboldt street. The drawing for the next gramophone, which is now up, will take place place towards the end of January, 1905.

Financial Notes.—The receipts of the White Pass and Yukon railway for the fortnight ending November 30th, were \$6,756. City of Vancouver 4 per cent. debentures advanced one point on December 5th on the London Stock Exchange, and are now quoted at 100 to 102. In the chancery division of the High court at London, England, Mr. Justice Warrington granted an order for the compulsory winding up of the British Columbia Steamship Trading and Agency Company, Limited. The petitioner was B. Showler, executrix of the late Captain Dawson, a judgment creditor. There was no opposition to the order.

Campbell's Ladies' Outfitting Emporium, Fort street, is giving with Christmas presents of the most useful class, consisting in part of Dent's Kid Gloves, Maggioni Kid Gloves, New Umbrellas, Silk Petticoats, Neckwear, new real Laces, new Handkerchiefs, Belts, Fans and Fancy Novelties; Handkerchiefs in dainty real lace, linen and fancy embroidered at special prices for the holidays. Campbell's is headquarters for the best European novelties, most suitable and attractive for Christmas presents. Call and inspect.

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CHAFING DISH ENTERTAINING.

There is something about a chafing dish that breathes good-fellowship, destroys the conventional and whets one's appetite. It is such a convenient way for informal entertaining that it is a marvel that every family have not formed the habit of chafing dish cookery. It is a wonder that more young ladies have not called the chafing dish to their assistance, for if the old adage, "The way to a man's heart is through his stomach" is true, we would imagine it would be a very unattractive young lady indeed who, with the assistance of a chafing dish and an acquaintance with chafing dish cookery, could not win a husband. And there is no excuse for not understanding chafing dish cookery, for a number of manufacturers, interested in the sale of their wares, offer cook books that give full details of the manipulation of the chafing dish, and it is really wonderful how clever some of these books are.

The secret of success with the chafing dish depends largely upon careful attention to details and preparation. The ingredients should be measured and mixed, and all supplies placed in attractive readiness, as it is rapidity of cooking that makes the dishes so much better when done in chafing dish.

A few of the most popular dishes of the chafing dish are: The Welsh Rarebit, Golden Duck, Lobster à la Newburg, Cream Lobster, English Mince, Eggs à la Creme, Shrimp Cocktail, Creamed Oysters, etc.

Formerly one of the most serious objections to the good things of the chafing dish was that, being eaten late, they were likely to upset one; but even this is looked after, and it is said that a small amount of Extract of Beef will not only aid to the toothlessness of most of the dishes, but ensures against any of the ill-effects from late or over-eating.

The chafing dish enthusiast has an abundance of supplies to select from, and almost everything that the mind or appetite can suggest may be had in a convenient form, so that the chafing dish may be manipulated quite easily in the parlour or living room as in the dining room. Try it and see how inexpensively and attractively you can entertain, and how easily you can make a reputation for being a generous and hospitable hostess. But for your reputation's sake, and for the comfort of your guests, don't forget a small quantity of Extract of Beef with each savory dish.

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by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflammation of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound in your ears, which is usually attended by imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out of this tube restored to its normal condition, the hearing will be forever injured. Deafness is caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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"You see, dear Dad, it is no good being only handsome and well dressed. I want to be useful and help you, or earn my own living. Think what I could do for mother if anything happened to you."

"Bravo, old girl! You have a wise little head. Hope the boys will catch your spirit. When you want the cash just say so."

"Oh, thank -ou! You are a dear, good Dad."

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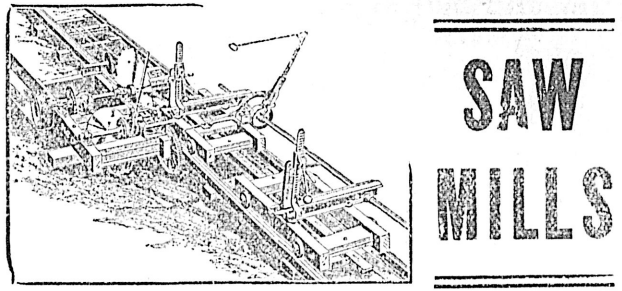
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The Hutcheson Co., Ltd., Victoria, B. C.
December 23rd, 1904.

Late Mail News From Far North

Dr. Thompson Defeated Ex-Governor Congdon at Nearly Every Poll.

U. S. Vice-Consul Appointed at Dawson—The Winter Promises Well.

Later advices from Dawson place the majority of Dr. Thompson over ex-Governor Congdon at about 700. Dr. Thompson, the independent candidate, led at Dawson and every creek but one, and all other outlying districts except White Horse.

Mr. G. Carlton Woodward, of Philadelphia, has been appointed vice and deputy United States consul at Dawson. Mr. Woodward has been consular clerk in the office for several months, and has been in the Klondike several years. Last winter he was absent on a visit to his old home in Philadelphia. By the appointment of a permanent vice and deputy consul, Consul L. A. Bergholz is relieved of much annoyance by having in the office one delegated to act with the authority of a consul in the absence of the consul. Mr. Bergholz now could leave the territory or city temporarily without the inconvenient formality of having to get some one else in the city delegated to fill the position in the meantime. Mr. Woodward's appointment is received with general satisfaction.

Mr. Stanley Searce has returned from a tour of the creeks in company with Manager Marsden of the Ames Mercantile Company, and is well pleased with the way in which the camp is entering on winter work. In this connection Mr. Searce said:

"I found that the camp is doing much more work this season than last. Some have said the work done this winter would go far beneath that of last winter, and that the output would be greatly curtailed. From what I saw on Hunker, Dominion, Gold Run and Sulphur, I am persuaded the work this winter will be almost as great as that of last winter. Lower Dominion, Upper Dominion, Sulphur and Hunker creeks are particularly busy this winter."

Mr. Searce has gone outside to buy eggs. He announces that he will buy 6,000 empty egg cases in Chicago and take them to Canada to be filled with eggs for shipment to Dawson. He will also acquire

a cold storage plant of his own in Toronto for packing and storing his eggs prior to their being forwarded to Dawson in the summer. He will buy his eggs on the Canadian side to escape duty. Concerning this, Mr. Searce says:

"I find that while the Canadians have eggs second to none in the land, they are behind in the art of packing eggs. The chief difficulty with Canadian packers seems to be in failing to get absolutely dry, when the slightest bit damp, will convey a foreign flavor to the eggs. In the States, the egg packers have learned the wisdom of using absolutely dry wood, thus retaining the utmost sweetness to the eggs. Toronto merchants have a great market in the Yukon, and can well afford to become thorough in packing their product. They ship extensively to Europe and other parts of the world, but they tell me the individual order I placed with them last summer for 6,000 cases of eggs was the largest single order ever filled by any Toronto firm to one house. I had my eggs shipped here through the summer in carload instalments, and they arrived in good condition."

Dawson markets continue undisturbed. The fall demand has been slow and steady, but by no means stagnant. A great deal of supplies has been bought for the creeks, but the sleighing has been so poor that not a great share of the goods has yet been removed to the creeks.

The temperatures below zero have prevailed only a week or two, and it is not to be expected that winter mining has yet obtained a great impetus. Now that the ground is becoming solid, the mining should become more general until next month, when the winter work will be well under way.

On potatoes and eggs the camp is well supplied. Eggs remain cheap, and promise to be so all winter. The camp is better fixed for eggs this winter, perhaps, than ever before.

The fresh meat market is being reinforced with the first carload, moose and mountain sheep. Indians have brought in several tons, and white hunters soon will have a supply. The sheep sell for 20 cents a pound by the quarter, and the caribou for 25 cents.

The means of travelling by trail in and about Dawson have become so good within the last few days that the woodmen have been hauling from the creeks and have been competing with the stock on the beach. The woodcutters back of Moosehide and back of Swede Creek are bringing their wood over the ice. Some who have cut back of West Dawson are hauling straight across the Yukon river in front of Dawson.

The trail on the ice from Moosehide to Dawson follows the shore, and is solid. The trail up the Yukon is reported by the police patrol as good as far as Indian River for rigs with single horses or single

dog teams. It may be good even farther than Stewart.

Dirty giving \$100 and better to the pan has been struck in 8 above Fairbanks, and holders of claims in that vicinity have gone wild with excitement.

A bucketful of the gravel cleaned up \$400. Despite adverse conditions, development on all near-by properties is being rushed, and many of them are already showing indications of heavy values.

Clay creek is still showing phenomenal values, but with such finds as this on her sister creek, she must do something even greater soon to maintain her prestige.

Two men working a lay on Dan McCarty's ground on Fairbanks brought in news that they have bored into five-cent dirt on their take.

The stock of building nails at Fairbanks is almost exhausted. But a limited amount of six and eight-penny nails are to be had in town, and ten-pennies are out of the market altogether.

One mill-owner, foreseeing the shortage, cornered fifty kegs of ten-penny nails. He announces that he will only let these go next spring, and then it will be only to miners wanting them actually to build sluice boxes.

This foresight means a great deal to the miners, as they would have been rendered helpless for weeks after the beginning of the clearing season had the provision not been made.

The shortage will be most felt early next spring, at the beginning of the building boom. Contractors will have scores of big buildings to put up, and will be unable to do so until the shortage is relieved by the arrival of steamers.

COLLIERS DUE.

Edith Is Coming North Instead of the Wyfield.

Steamer Edith, Capt. Hall, is taking the place of the collier Wyfield in the coal trade between the island collieries and San Francisco. The Edith is due up on Sunday. It is reported, according to advices received at Nanaimo from San Francisco, that the Wyfield will carry cargo to a Russian port in Asia. The steamer Wellington, Capt. Cutler, is due today from San Francisco.

Steamer Queen is due from San Francisco.

THE TIDES.

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Low water 9:24 a.m.
High water 2:50 p.m.
Low water 10:46 p.m.

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DEATH OF CAPT. LAWRENCE.

News has been received of the death at Kobe, Japan, on December 23rd, of Captain R. S. Lawrence, of the American ship Acme. The cause of his death

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It is dangerous to trifle with catarrh. The inflammation in the nostrils extends to the ears, causing deafness. The discharge is carried to the stomach, kidneys and liver, setting up catarrh of these vital organs. Why not cure yourself now, and be rid of this loathsome, dangerous disease? Japanese Catarrh Cure cures Catarrh at once. It relieves the head pains, stops the discharge and droppings in the throat. It is pleasant to use, no atomizers or syringes are required. And Japanese Catarrh Cure does cure catarrh permanently. Here's what an English clergyman says about it:

"I regret that I cannot get Japanese Catarrh Cure here, and enclose post-office order for six boxes. Japanese Catarrh Cure is the only medicine of the many I have tried that has done me any real good."

Get it at your druggists, 50c. The Griffiths & Macpherson Co., Limited, Toronto, Canada.

is not known here. Both Captain Lawrence and his ship were well known to many people on this coast. The Acme was built by the Sewalls at Bath, Me., three years ago for the Standard Oil Company, and had been commanded by Captain Lawrence from the time of her launching.

Masonic Ball.—Elaborate preparations are being made at Cumberland for a large ball on the evening of Wednesday next. An orchestra from Victoria has been engaged and the affair promises well.

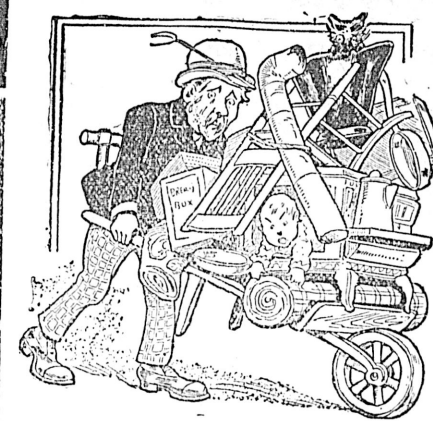
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EDUCATION.

A correspondent wants to know if, in view of our position on the school question, we favor the continuance of the Normal school on its present basis. He thinks that our educational system is like a house of cards, if you touch one part of it it will all tumble down together. The Normal school is on a footing by itself. It is the one feature of modern education that is based on sound principles. The principles that are taught may not be sound. That we know nothing of. It depends altogether on the staff of teachers; but the idea of a training school is a right one. It is important to the public that teachers should not be allowed to experiment, so to speak, on the pupils. Whether the tenets of pedagogy taught in the Normal schools are right or not, it is better that they be part of a system, which is coherent even if it is wrong, than be confused and aimless. Governor Kennedy once told a deputation of Vancouver Island people that it was better to be decidedly wrong than to be undecidedly right. There is much wisdom in that expression. Teaching is a profession that requires special training, and as it is important it is, therefore, justifiable that the public should pay for the expense of training the teachers. A Normal school does not qualify a teacher educationally. It only fits him as to methods of teaching. The distinction is an important one to observe. It in no way effects the other question as to whether the state should qualify men and women to be teachers as a means of making a living. Having once qualified by passing the requisite examinations, the State steps in and says, in effect, "as you have decided to be a teacher, you must take a preliminary course in the art of teaching. You must understand the methods that are generally in vogue." In other words, the State, in this particular, recognizes the importance of teachers being specialists. It is an instance in which technical training has a show. It is the most practical feature of the educational system. The correspondent in question, who does not wish to "appear in print," approves of the position taken by the Colonist. He says he is an old teacher and a university graduate. So far as a collegiate education is concerned in a new country like this, he says it is a positive drawback. It is vastly of more importance to know the cost of moving a thousand cubic yards of earth than to be able to conjugate the entire gamut of Greek verbs. Of what advantage is it to a salesman if he has read Homer and Virgil and cannot dress a window? Is it of more importance to be able to detect a flaw in the meter than to seal a boom of logs? Is a man better educated who can institute the deadly parallel in literature than the man who knows shoddy when he sees it? One class of knowledge has been dignified by age, tradition and the common consent of scholars. The other has been vulgarized by daily use by the man who has been forced to make a living by its use. There is practically no difference in the calibre of a man who can spot an fabled pentameter when he sees it and the bank teller who knows a bogus five dollar bill when it is deposited with either cash. There is no more genius involved in a proposition in logic or Euclid than in being able to play chess or bridge whist well. The grain dealer who can grade No. 1 hard wheat, or the expert who can judge apples at a fall fair is entitled to equal consideration. What is more, his knowledge is of much greater value to the community in which he lives. We might extend the comparison to unknown lengths. The fault of our educational system is that it exaggerates grossly the value of one kind of knowledge over another. It holds the speck of classics, for instance, so near the eye that it obscures the entire range of vision. It disregards the element of intellectuality in all spheres but one. It recognizes no mental capacity in the carpenter who can calculate the pitch of a roof, or the gardener who can prune a tree, but idolizes the man who can measure diurnal parallax or qualify as poet laureate. When the world comes to see that all knowledge is of equal importance, and that every kind of skill is but a phase of genius, it will set different standards. It is all a question of standard. Why do fashions change? Tastes are not less esthetic this year than last. Why does a man wear skin tight trousers one season in the height of approval and looks hideous in the same leg attire the next season. Somebody has set a different standard. So in educational matters we have been deifying the purely intellectual, because for many, many centuries only the men who set the standard were educated in the "higher branches." All the others ranked lower. Hence we have, by an inherited instinct, come to place a superlative value on the accomplishments which have distinguished great men in the past. If it should become fashionable to dig ditches or work on the sewers, the men who now work hard at hunting, fishing or golf would gladly adopt the new mode, and the day is coming when the despised farmer or the humble mechanic will set the standard as to what is useful to know. There is no difference in the intellectual development involved. It has been proved over and over by experience that an arts course, for instance, is no especial advantage in studying law, medicine or theology. The boy who starts in at the earliest opportunity on the line he has chosen has every chance in his favor. The intellectual training as a fitting for all future occupations, about which we hear so much, comes just the same in working out what he has in hand. If a boy or girl has the time or the means to take an Arts course, such as it is, all well and good, but there is no practical advantage in it. A man is only

what he makes himself, and everything else is naught. This course of reasoning, imperfect though it be, has an important bearing on the discussion now going on. It is not a question of dollars and cents. It is a question of results. If the pupils turned out by the public schools of Victoria were in a position to take a place in the industrial or professional world, the city would be justified in even doubling the present cost. What we want, apart from the three R's, is a practical knowledge of how to subsist after we leave the school. We are willing to leave it to the good sense of parents if that is not a fair presentation of the case.

"THE SEA WOLF."

Mr. Jack London has undoubtedly written a powerful novel in "The Sea Wolf," one which stands out separate and distinct from the ordinary story, which is flooding the market in such numbers this season. It is a story of the North Pacific ocean, and in intensity and power will compare not unfavorably with Joseph Conrad's stories of the sea. Mr. London's forefearful seafaring is seen here in its highest development. The plot moves forward irresistibly to its consummation, and that is the expression, by a concrete example, of the real meaning of the Nietzsche gospel of brute force, the domination of sheer force. Wolf Larsen is the type portrayed. The tale is told by Humphrey Van Weyden, a man of letters who has inherited wealth. He is a down of San Francisco on a ferry-boat by a sealing vessel, The Ghost, whose captain is Wolf Larsen. He is pulled aboard the Ghost, outboard for the sealing grounds, and carried out to sea in spite of his offer of a thousand dollars to be taken back to the dock, less than an hour's sail away. He is made cabin boy and sent to help in the cook's galley, "for his soul's sake." Life on board was brutal in the extreme, and this young man of fortune endured cruel treatment for a time. But he survived, and later, on a whim of Larsen's, becomes mate. The Wolf's terrible personality overshadows the whole picture. He was savage and ferocious, and many of his crew jumped overboard to escape further persecution. But the Wolf had another side. His cabin was filled with books, from Shakespeare down. The real story develops into the triumph of Van Weyden, sensitive in the extreme, over the brute force of Larsen. Near Japan the Ghost encounters the survivors from a wreck, and takes on board five persons, one of whom was Maud Brewster. Both Larsen and Van Weyden fall in love with her. Finally she and Van Weyden escape in an open boat, and in the end are rescued by a revenue cutter. The introduction of the love element has been skillfully handled, but at best it is an appendage to the real story, and its omission would not have lessened but rather enhanced the literary value of the novel.

LORD COLERIDGE.

Few more interesting biographies have appeared in recent years than the just published life of John Duke, Lord Coleridge, Chief Justice of England. His life had been brilliant from the beginning. As one of his English critics has said, his race was won almost before it was run. To start with, he was "well bred." Of his father he has declared that "he was such a man as I never knew before or since, and of whom I do not believe before God there have been many equals." So started he was certain of a brilliant career at the Bar. John Duke was unusually precocious. At eight years of age he knew by heart eight elegies of Virgil. At ten he read Addison and could say by heart a thousand lines of Homer. At thirteen he writes to his father: "I have finished 'Oedipus Tyrannus,' and my tutor said I had better ask you to send down a good Sophocles. And, if you do, would you accompany it by Elmsley's 'Scholia in Sophoclem,' which is a capital book, and which Cotton has lent me for the 'Oedipus Rex?'" I have been reading the 'Life of Milton,' by Sir Edgerton Brydges, and the 'Paradise Lost,' attentively. I never thoroughly, I think, saw before what a truly splendid poem it is—so full of the mens divinus in every line from beginning to end. I am going on with the 'Paradise Regained,' which I never before read." During the American civil war he to a great extent shared the British point of view—the point of view, that is to say, of the governing and middle classes across the water. He had, indeed, thrown himself, heart and soul, into the anti-slavery crusade, and he knew and admitted that the North had been driven into war, that his cause was the cause of freedom, and, as he afterward maintained, "he never had a shadow of doubt on which side the right lay," but he questioned the single mindedness of the North, and was revolted by the ruthlessness of her warfare. He shared with Mr. Gladstone and the majority of his countrymen a want of faith in the power of the North to hold out and to hold on until she won, and like Mr. Gladstone, he distinguished between the question whether "the Southern ideas of slavery were right and the question whether they can be justifiably put down by war from the North."

Mr. John Hayes gives a remarkable series of figures illustrative of the struggle for existence. He says: Since 1874 the number of men paupers has increased from 164,548 to 243,595 in the present year. The pauper return for August gave a total of 738,101. Some in receipt of relief in England and Wales, an increase of 20,000 over last year. Twelve millions of our people live on or below the poverty line. Seven millions live in tenements. Six hundred thousand find homes in the model lodging house. Twelve thousand seven hundred sleep every night in vagrant wards. Fifty-five out of every 100 of our working class children die before they reach five years of age. Fifty-five thousand and fifty children attend school in London alone without breakfast. One hundred and seventy-five thousand girls under twenty-one years of age are known in England as prostitutes. In 1901 three hundred and eighty workers were maimed or crippled every day whilst following their employment. In that year 1,751 died of neglect and starvation; 14,707 died from accident or misadventure while the average life of the worker is only

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Mr. Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Trade Unions, in his annual report for the year ending November, 1904, says: "Much speculation," says Mr. Gompers, "has been indulged in by our opponents in what they are pleased to characterize as a 'slump' in the organization of the wage-earners. This 'slight falling off' in membership is really explained by slack trade, which in the United States, as in this country, always exercises an adverse effect upon labor unions. However, things cannot be so very bad, since in the year under consideration 1,676,000 members on the average paid the per capita contribution to the Federation, as compared with only 1,465,800 for the previous year. The difficulty of combining the workers is greatly complicated by the presence of a population composed of almost every nationality under the sun. The Labor party in the United States cannot proclaim war against the alien immigrant, since the entire country has been peopled by foreigners. You have a miscellaneous population opposed to homogeneous capital—a fact which accounts for the violence of the struggle." Mr. Gompers has to admit that a number of strikes failed during the year owing to the lack of accumulated funds. In order to prevent this accumulation many members of the Employers' Association, Citizens' Alliance, and the Anti-Boycott Society have—according to the "American Federationist"—declared themselves to be in favor of "independent unions"—i. e., unions standing outside the Federation. The reason for this partiality is plain enough. No single union could hope to stand against employers who habitually come to one another's assistance.

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Liberal Smoker.—Senator Templeman entertained members of the local Liberal Association and those who assisted in the late campaign at a smoking concert in the A. O. U. W. hall on Thursday evening. An excellent programme was given and all present thoroughly enjoyed it, especially the contributions by the "Pierrots." Mr. W. E. Ditchburn made an excellent chairman.

Summer Preparations.—In order to prepare for the heavy travel expected next spring and summer, the Tourist Association rooms on Fort street are to be fitted up very attractively. The fruit exhibit will be enlarged and part of H. Cuthbert's collection of views will be shown. There will also be an exhibit of manual training work by pupils of the city schools. The city will be extensively advertised and a large number of people who intend to visit the Portland exhibition will be attracted to Victoria.

Services at Metropolitan.—The Metropolitan Methodist church is being specially decorated with electrical and floral designs for the Christmas services on coming Sunday. The choir, led by Gideon Hicks, and assisted by Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Burnett and other talented singers, will present a very choice musical service; several of the solos, quartettes, etc., never having been given in Victoria. The pastor, Rev. C. K. B. Adams, will preach short appropriate sermons. Every effort is being made to give a bright and elevating character to the day's services.

The Seamen's Institute.—The manager of the Seamen's Institute thankfully acknowledges the receipt of reading matter during the month of November from the following: Miss Jessie Mason, Mrs. R. Maynard, Mrs. H. D. Holmecken, Mrs. William Atkins, Mrs. P. K. Turner, the Lord Bishop of Esquimalt, the N. Y. League (Victoria-Esquimalt Branch), B. C. the Municipal Council (D. W. Higgins' book, "The Mystic Spring"), Mr. Thomas Earle, M. P., Mr. John H. Yeo, Mr. J. C. Mackay, Mr. David A. N. Ogilvy, Mr. J. H. Bennett, and the Colonist, daily papers, the local weekly paper Progress and one anonymous donor.

The Police Grist.—In the police court yesterday five citizens were called to answer cause why they had not come forward with the sum of \$3 which the city asks yearly for the privilege of walking over its cement and other walks. All paid with the exception of one, who after telling a hard luck story, was given to the end of the year to liquidate. Three drunks were fined \$5, with the option of ten days in the city lock-up. A hackman who had imbibed too much Christmas cheer and imagined himself a chariot racer when other carriages were near was gathered in at the Watcom's wharf by Constable Clayards. He will come up for trial this morning. Michael O'Brien was arrested yesterday afternoon by Constable Deasy charged with being supplier of liquor to wit, one bottle of gin to Cecilia, a Saanich Indian.

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Mail Delivery.—A very large Xmas mail is expected from England, Eastern Canada and the United States, and the local postal authorities have made arrangements accordingly. A number of express wagons will be engaged to take the parcels to their destinations. If the Princess Victoria connects with the Eastern train and the big mail arrives, the use of these wagons will clear this mail by tonight. The wagons will again be called in on Monday morning and all the Christmas mail will be distributed as rapidly as possible. Besides this, the general delivery department at the post office will be open until 9 o'clock and the collector of customs has made arrangements to keep the appraiser's office open until 8 o'clock. This plan depends upon the arrival of the English and American mails. If they are on time the office will be open and anyone receiving notice can secure their Christmas parcels in time.

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More About The Shop Windows

Some Further Displays Which Are Considered Worthy of Comment.

Merchants This Year Went To Great Pains With Their Decorations.

The shopkeepers are having a very busy time this week and as today will be the last before Xmas, an extra big rush is expected. The stores are loaded with beautiful goods of all descriptions, and the scene during the evening is a very attractive one. The principal thoroughfares are thronged with busy shoppers, and the brilliantly lighted stores are crowded with people. A window which attracted a great many people yesterday is the north window of Mr. C. E. Redfern's jewelry establishment. Amid a beautiful display of tempting articles of all descriptions stands a beautiful cut glass vase in a fancy stand. The vase is filled with lovely white carnations and tiny gold fish swim about in the bowl. When the electric light is on the effect is very striking. The south window is tastefully decorated with jewelry, silverware and fancy goods. The interior of the store is a delightful place for shoppers and visitors to this pioneer establishment are always certain to obtain the best articles that can be secured from the leading firms of the city. For many years Victoria has been paid the compliment of having the finest dressed and best kept store windows in the Dominion. Drummers from one end of Canada to the other speak of Victoria as having the most up-to-date styles and using the most effective means to attract attention and more especially so in the grocery trade. Poor years Dixie Ross & Co. has always been noted for taste of window dressing. Fruits dried, preserved and fresh, intermingled with nuts, etc., and these things that make the festive feast of Christmas so enjoyable. Yesterday and, in fact, despite the inclement weather of the past week, spectators have crowded around the windows enjoying one of the most interesting, pleasing and strikingly artistic windows, ever seen in Victoria. Mr. S. Heald is to be congratulated on his successful efforts this year, as his windows are evidence of care, detail, taste and skill. The display of liquors and wines are such that connoisseurs will find it possible to satisfy their every taste.

One of the prettiest displays on Government street is made by David Spencer in his south window. It represents a Japanese battleship sinking a Russian ship outside Port Arthur. The arrangements are very skillful, everything being made with handkerchiefs. The effect is very pretty and realistic and the window dresser, Mr. Albert Lawrence, deserves a credit for his clever work. The other Government street windows of this firm are filled with everything suitable for Xmas and the Broad street windows look very tempting with the display of handsome furniture.

A. A. Ryth, of the Port street jeweler and antique, is making a splendid display of goods. His windows are filled with a varied assortment of jewelry, watches, rings, quaint miniature grandfather clocks and musical work. Mr. Ryth has a room fitted up for this branch of work and everything connected with it is up to date. The store has been remodeled this year. It formerly consisted of two stores, but Mr. Ryth remodeled them to suit his growing business.

The Sobo Bazaar, Port street, has a splendid display of toys, books, and novelties, which appeal to Christmas shoppers.

The windows of W. & J. Wilson, the Government street clothing, are unique. They are fitted up with polished fir paneling which gives them a very rich and attractive appearance. The goods shown are first-class. The suits, overcoats, hats, neckwear, etc., appeal very forcibly to the well-dressed man. A visit to the store gives great pleasure as the articles are very choice and up to date.

Prominent among the most attractive and handsome shop windows are those of Westcott Ross, big dry goods store, 71 Yates street. Each of the two mammoth windows would seem to vie with each other in attractiveness. In one of which is to be seen a very ancient looking rustic bridge spanning a creek or river, and leading over to a little quaint old country church, which is lit up, while on the approach to the bridge stands an equally antiquated toll house with the words "Pay Toll Here," on a signboard projecting from the corner of the toll house. On the bridge stands a little doll representing a little girl looking over the railing at the swans swimming in the stream below. The whole scene is covered over with material representing snow, and presents a very picturesque appearance and reflects much credit on the taste and patience of the author. The other window comprises several arched pillars, dressed and made up of all kinds of fine fancy-wear materials, and presents a rich appearance, although perhaps not quite so striking as the other window. On the whole the window show at Westcott Ross' big store entitles the enterprising firm to place in the front rank for artistic design and elegance generally. Drug Store, 27 Johnson street, also presents a rich and tasty appearance, and causes the passer-by to linger for a moment. They are made up principally of fine high-

grade perfumes and handsome toilet articles of various kinds, tastefully arranged to catch the eye. For a young man Mr. Lyall, an assistant in the store, and who is responsible for the dressing of these windows, is worthy of credit for the tasteful and entirely manner in which he has carried out his work.

Among the many beautiful displays in the spacious stores of Victoria, that of Mr. Salmon's, the pioneer tobacconist, corner of Yates and Government streets, is conspicuous. The show window on Government street is particularly attractive and would vie with any London store for its array of elegant and tasteful goods. The store is filled with a variety of goods, including silver and gold shields, monograms and initials worked thereon in brilliant tobacco jars from the celebrated Doulton works of Lambeth, Eng., and other European potteries, and a full array of magnificent goods suitable for presents. Surmounting these, and very artistically arranged, is a wealth of real holly, which, with its profusion of berries, forms a very pretty background. Altogether, Mr. Salmon's store has excelled all past efforts in his holiday display, which is well worth inspection.

J. Wenger has made a special effort this Christmas, and his display is an excellent one. The window is tastefully fitted up with all kinds of dainty articles and the goods offered for sale include watches in all styles and prices, exquisite designs in pearl goods, brooches, pendants, etc. Mr. Wenger carries a great range of up-to-date combination rings mounted with precious stones, diamonds, sapphires and rubies, directly imported from Europe; toilet cases, Vienna regulators, cuckoo clocks, Swiss wood carvings, tea sets, prize cups, cake dishes and a general line of finished, up-to-date silver goods.

C. H. Boves has a splendid display of everything which can be obtained in the drugist line. One window contains boxes of sweetmeats and rows of different varieties of perfume. In the other window are ebony brushes, ebony-framed mirrors and many other pretty nick-nacks. Plenty of evergreen and holly is arranged among the goods and the effect is very pleasing.

Visitors to F. Aderbach's jewelry store find a bewildering profusion of goods to choose from, while the window looks very handsome with its choice assortment of pearl goods, diamonds, pearls, pearl brooches, gold watches, silverware and novelties. Everything suitable for Christmas presents is carried and the goods are finished, up-to-date articles.

Bligh's dry goods store is an example of business enterprise. The stock is an extensive one and the windows are very strikingly decorated with attractive goods of all styles and colors. This firm is a young one but it is doing a rushing business.

Anyone wishing to purchase presents in the cutlery line cannot do better than visit Fox's store, 78 Government street, where the articles shown are all very useful. The store includes some of the best English goods and the window is filled with the best and most attractive articles that can be obtained.

Porter & Sons' butcher shop on Government street fairly groans with good things. The store is crowded with a weighing 1,000 pounds, a pig over 600 pounds, and another pig over 500 pounds. The firm has a very choice lot of dairy-fed pork of special quality and some splendid turkeys—Eastern and Island. The latter are very fine indeed. The general stock of beef is extra good, and altogether the Christmas stock is exceptionally fine.

Finch & Finch have a couple of tastefully arranged windows. Everything in the men's furnishing line is displayed, and as the goods carried are all first-class, up-to-date articles, the firm's business is very gratifying.

Hastie's Pair is a store dear to the children's hearts. How true are the olden tales of all descriptions are to be had, and as the stock has been carefully chosen, the little ones find the "Pair" a delightful place.

A visit to the Pope Stationery Company is a treat. The splendid line of stationery is very tempting. To the lover of books the choice collection of literary works, by all the well-known authors, offers a chance for rare enjoyment, while the toys and novelties are very pretty, the stationery, toys, souvenir cards, etc., being displayed to the best possible advantage.

Mrs. Vizer, the popular Yates street ladies' outfitter, has arranged her window most artistically. Appropriate gifts for ladies are temptingly shown and the pretty decoration, "Merry Xmas," "Happy New Year," assures shoppers a hearty welcome.

The Moose Pairing Company, Fort street, has a special window display in the shape of a revolving wheel, to which the best designs of wallpaper are attached. The different varieties of paints are also exhibited.

Christmas shoppers desirous of purchasing delicacies in the confectionery line never pass Clay's store on Fort street. The display is too tempting, and once inside it is hard work to choose from the dainties offered. The windows are filled with rich cakes, pastries, etc., and holly and evergreen are used with a very pretty effect.

The Rock Bay Grocery have their windows very prettily arranged, the Christmas goods, bon-bons, candies and fruits. Christmas stockings and fancy confectionery. Mr. Greenhalgh has this year gone to greater lengths than before and the result is that he has been enabled to attract passers-by and customers to his store. Holly and ivy in profusion add to the effect of making the display attractive and pretty.

Brown & Cooper, the Government street fish and fruit dealers, are offering the choicest edibles obtainable, and they also carry a large stock of poultry.

W. H. Pennock, the enterprising Yates street jeweler, has a splendid stock of goods suitable for Christmas presents. Mr. Pennock selected everything most carefully and a number of bargains can be had at his store.

The popular Johnson street clothing store, W. G. & C. N. Cameron, have dressed their windows most artistically. A splendid line of gentlemen's furnishings is shown in one, while in the other a neat design has been worked out in arches and scroll work. The stock is first class, the goods carried being the very best and the most fastidious dresser can get every satisfaction at this well-known establishment.

Smith & Clampton, the Douglas street upholsterers, are displaying an excellent line of furniture, and as their prices are reasonable, a visit to the store always gives satisfaction to the purchaser.

The Army and Navy cigar store is a tempting place to the smoker. Mr. W. North has displayed in the window some very nice pipes, pipe racks, etc., and the stock is composed of the best goods, consequently this popular store is always well filled with devotees of the fragrant weed.

The windows of the B. C. Fruit and Commission Company, Limited, Douglas street, are very tempting. They are filled with dairy products, cured meats and fish and the choicest fruits. The exhibit of British Columbia fruit is very creditable. The firm is also offering Christmas turkeys and poultry to its many customers.

Rogers, the Government street candy man, is noted for his delicious sweets, and a box of his choice chocolate and nougats makes a delightful present for a lady.

The Fort street tailors, Cooper & Linklater, are showing a splendid assortment of fancy vests and fancy suitings.

Barnett's "Palace of Sweets" or Government street is an example of what a first-class confectionery store should be. The windows are attractive, bon-bons and sweetmeats being temptingly displayed, while the show-

cases are filled with all the latest dainties.

Beautiful flowers are displayed in the Covent Garden windows, Fort street. Material for decorations, 230 here in profusion. Mistletoe is exhibited and very pretty bouquets can be purchased at reasonable prices.

One of the finest displays of useful Xmas presents is made in the store of Campbell, the druggist. This store is one of the best equipped on the Pacific Coast and is certainly a credit to Victoria. Among the departments which attract most attention for the holiday season is the brush department. Mr. Campbell has a splendid assortment of ebony, rosewood, foxwood, made up in the latest designs of first quality and moderate prices. Perfume is another specialty. The very finest grades of perfumes are obtainable. Fancy boxes of many exquisite designs for presents tempt the visitor. There are a number of ladies' and gentlemen's traveling cases, a most handsome gift and one through its usefulness will be much appreciated by the recipient. Other show cases are filled with goods that will make the solution of the gift problem easy such as soaps, English, French and American. The large store room, the manufacturing department, the brush department, the soap department, the perfume department, the toy department, the stationery department, if he is familiar with similar departments on the Pacific coast and throughout Canada, will at once declare it to be the best bar none, and is certainly a credit to the store enabling prescriptions to be filled promptly and correctly. Other departments of the store are extremely well appointed, the large store room, the manufacturing department, the brush department, the soap department, the perfume department, the toy department, the stationery department, if he is familiar with similar departments on the Pacific coast and throughout Canada, will at once declare it to be the best bar none, and is certainly a credit to the store enabling prescriptions to be filled promptly and correctly.

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Aorangi Arrives

From South Seas

The Canadian Australian Liner Brings Big Cargo From Antipodes.

Annual Meeting of the Victoria Sealing Co.—E. B. Marvin to Return.

Steamer Aorangi of the Canadian-Australian line arrived together with the southwest gale yesterday and put into Esquimalt, where the steamer Maude tendered her mails and passengers for this port. Owing to the severe weather the liner did not come to the outer docks as usual. She proceeded to Vancouver about noon. The Aorangi left Sydney on November 28th, Brabant December 1st, Santa December 5th and Honolulu, her last port of call, on December 14th. The fair weather was met with in Sydney to Honolulu, but since the islands were cleared head winds were encountered, and, when the steamer neared Cape Flattery, a heavy southeast gale and thick weather was encountered, delaying the liner. The heavy weather continued until her arrival, the Aorangi being consequently forced to proceed into Esquimalt instead of docking as usual.

On this trip the Aorangi made a special call at Lancelotti bay (Nansori) in Fiji group for the purpose of loading sugar for the British Columbia sugar refinery. It would appear from the manifest of the steamer that trade with Canada from Australia is greatly improved. The Aorangi brought one of the largest cargoes she has brought of this port. The passenger list, too, was large. According to advices received by the Aorangi the recovery from the recent drought which had such a depressing effect in the antipodes has been very marked and is general throughout Australia, rapid strides having been made as the result of the export statistics will readily prove. There was a new pursuer this trip, Mr. E. E. Bell, having retired from the service, Mr. P. Cowell has taken his place.

The steamer was full to her hatch combings. For Victoria she brought a thousand bags of Sunlight oil cake and meal, which will be transhipped to Victoria from Vancouver. It would have been landed here had the heavy weather not prevented the steamer from docking. The cargo for Vancouver and Canadian points included 1,000 bags Sunlight oil

What Fruit-a-tives are

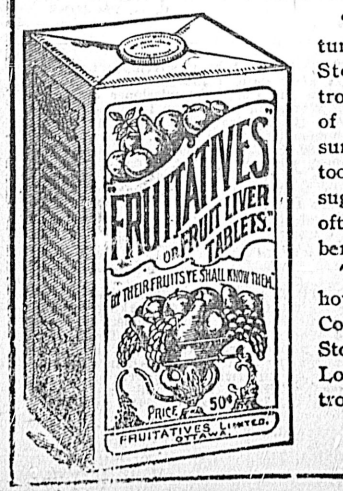
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Mammoth Liner

Go's To Seattle

After Shipping Chinese Crew the Minnesota Leaves for Sound.

Many Victorians Went to Visit The Big Liner on Steamer Otter.

The steamer Minnesota, after the 172 Chinese, who are to form her crew had been put on board at Esquimalt came within a short distance of the outer dock and proceeded to Seattle about 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The steamer Otter, after carrying the Chinese to the steamer at Esquimalt, took a large number of Victorians to visit the mammoth liner. J. D. Farrell of the Great Northern railway and party which came here on Thursday to meet the vessel proceeded to the Sound on the liner. At Seattle a reception will be given on arrival of the vessel. The late departure of the big liner from this port caused an alteration in the plans of the Seattle committee, who had arranged to have a large party aboard the steamer. Unatilla and the United States revenue cutters on the Sound. The vessels were to be decked with flags, but as the steamer will not reach Seattle until dark the ships were illuminated instead. Capt. Trutch of the Otter, the big liner, who is well and popularly known in Victoria as master of the Northern Pacific liners Victoria and Olympia held a small levee on the arrival of the Otter alongside the big liner. The Minnesota is an immense craft and the Otter which will follow her from the shipyards at New London, is twin vessel. The ships are each 630 feet long, have a beam of 73 feet 6 inches and a depth of hold of 56 feet to the saloon deck amidships. With the height of the various decks add the depth is 88 feet 4 inches. The total deadweight capacity is 23,000 tons of 2,240 pounds, in addition to the weight of stores and equipment, while the vessels have a cubic capacity of 28,000 tons of 40 cubic feet, available for the storage of light cargo. Each ship can carry 2,000 persons, which include 250 cabin passengers, 68 intermediate, 1,500 troops or stevedores and a crew of 250 men.

Among the novel features of the mechanical equipment of the two vessels are the installation of electric lighters. Electric watches on the deck are used to hoist cargo, and they are practically noiseless. The steering gear is both steam and electric. Another feature is the refrigerating engine-room on the saloon deck, a system of electric heating for the cabins; a perfect ventilating system forcing hot and cold air as may be desired, through the ship, and an unusual number of appliances for safety in case of fire or other accidents. The dimensions of the vessel do not convey an idea of their size. An ordinary cargo for either would make a hundred railway train loads or twenty-five cars each, or a single train 300 miles long. This immense carrying capacity is given by the great depth of hold. In the construction of each vessel 12,000 tons of steel plates and shapes were used. This amount is one-third greater than the total tonnage of structural steel in such buildings as the Waldorf-Astoria hotel in New York.

The ships have double bottoms six feet deep, built on the cellular principle. The bottoms are of solid plate and the longitudinal members are continuous. The whole plan embraces a double bottom extending the entire length of the vessels, and water-tight compartments insure safety under all conditions.

Almost every stateroom for cabin passengers is located above the weather-deck as near as possible to the mainmast, and is finished in white enamel, with mahogany and oak fittings. All are outside rooms, each having a large window with sliding blinds, stained glass, with a louvered ventilator at the top. Most of the rooms open on a side passage which supplies light and air, and all berths are placed fore and aft. Each room is also electrically lighted. By the use of electric heaters, which needs a temperature of 75 degrees, may occupy a room adjoining that of the running water from the general circulation plant with which the ships are equipped is supplied, both hot and cold. A private telephone is installed in every room and passengers may make known their wants without leaving their berths. Electric reading lights are arranged in each berth so as not to disturb any one who may be occupying an adjoining berth.

Each stateroom is furnished with a spacious wardrobe and fittings. All berths contain steel spring mattresses, and rooms may be used as a sleeping quarters, or as a study, or as a lounge, or as a dining room. They consist of bedroom sitting-rooms and bathroom paneled in oak, mahogany and other woods. Wide promenade deck spaces and light and airy halls, are notable features on the ships. All passages, corridors and hallways are covered with rubber tiling. The most attractive hallway on the vessel is that of the bridge deck. In the wainscoting cherry and sycamore have been used in artistic contrast.

The main dining saloon, which is on the main deck, seats 190 persons. It is finished in paneled mahogany, and the ceiling is in stucco work of cream and gold. The floor is of hardwood and carpeted. From the saloon leads a grand stairway of mahogany to a roiny hall on the promenade deck. This hall is wainscoted in white and mahogany.

At the forward end is located the ladies' boudoir and library, one of the most comfortable and inviting portions of the ship. Its color scheme is sky-blue and silver, paneled with select birds-eye maple, and the upholstery is in blue and silver to correspond. The library adjoining the ladies' room is paneled in quartered oak, the colors of buff and gold worked out in stucco. The library is supplied with writing tables, desks and all the latest publications. A nursery or playroom for children of the passengers forms one of the unique features of the big ships. Located at the after end of the promenade deck is this room. It is furnished in cherry and the floor and panels are felt-padded and canvas-covered for the protection of the little ones at play. The apartment is fitted with miniature furniture and other comforts for children. Two stairways lead from the promenade deck to the bridge deck social hall. On the after end of this deck is the smoking room, bar, and refreshment room has paneling of Flemish oak, with stucco ceiling. The upholstery is of red leather. A large skylight in the center of the apartment admits light. Smoke is drawn off by a fan through this opening. The floors are covered with rubber tiling.

HAS MONSTER CARGO.

The Big Liner Yangtze Taking Immense Amount of Freight.

Steamer Yangtze, of the China Maritime line, came to the outer docks yesterday, and, after loading a consignment of salt salmon and lumber here, will proceed this morning to Liverpool via the Orient. The Yangtze has a very large cargo aboard, the manifests showing the value to be over one million and a quarter of dollars. The largest shipments are for Shanghai, with the second and third largest amounts for Kobe and Liverpool.

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News From the Old Land

ENGLAND.
As a counter-attraction to the present widespread revival meetings in Wales, free drinks have been offered by one publican, who is bemoaning the loss of his trade. It is stated that belonging to the Anglican collection of Jews was sold at London for £2,650. That is the kind of stud which is worth hunting for, even on a cold morning.

Between Canterbury and Winchester Mr. Hillel Belloe has traced vestiges of an ancient British road some 21 miles long, and running through the counties of Hampshire, Surrey and Kent.

Having won a Derbyshire ploughing match open to the public, Miss Emma Cope has been entertained to dinner by the competition executive, and presented with a new plough by the firm whose implement she used.

For their broad irrigation drainage scheme the Haywards Heath Urban Council accepted a tender of £18,575, which, owing to the low rate of the labor market, is about £3,000 less than the engineer's estimate prepared three years ago.

Trinity Presbyterian church, Newcastle, a building erected in 1875, has been gutted by fire. The outbreak was caused by the fusing of an electric wire, which set fire to some fittings in the choir.

Charles Charles, Plymouth, had lasted for three hours and ten minutes, a finger fell forward and the man, trying to break the neck of the dead, fell. The man, however, had been run when the deceased man fell.

Of every hundred people in the Metropolis only one is a native-born Englishman. The Bishop of London, despite an income of £10,000, so great are his expenses that he is now £5,000 poorer than when he was appointed to the Metropolitan see.

The Scriptural prophecy that the lion shall lie down with the lamb is being fulfilled by a story which comes from Hatfield, near Farthing, where Mr. John Bradley, a farmer, has a female ferret which is sucking a half grown lamb. The ferret devoured her own young.

This advertisement answers a question which is still troubling a good many people: **RAILEY**—At Norwinton, Winchester, on November 28, to Mr. and Mrs. William A. Bailey, a son.

Bill Bailey, junior, has been reported in a London paper as a member of a firm of jewelers, was surprised when, on Saturday night, 11th Monmouth, when he was discovered by an employee. Jewelry to the value of several thousand pounds has been stolen.

SCOTLAND.
West Highland seals have taken to climbing hills. One was captured on a hill a mile from the nearest sea, and was found to be infested with beggars. Perhaps they have heard about the Carnegie Trust.

Four members of the Glasgow and Aberdeen regiments were snowed up at different places in the country a fortnight ago.

Lord Lovat has just returned from South Africa where he had been making an inspection of the Orange River Colony and its possibilities as an agricultural district.

Owing to the recent heavy snow, some of the East Coast passenger steamers which usually do their journeys in 26 hours were 24 hours behind time.

Rev. Canon Lord Archibald Douglas, Angus, has purchased the property adjoining St. Columba's Chapel, for the purpose of converting it into a school for Catholic children in Annandale.

Another fine living specimen of the wild mountain cat has just been added by Mr. Macfarlane, Kilmorye, to others in his possession. The specimen is becoming rapidly one of the finest in the world.

Lord Provost Sir John Tre Pringle, of Glasgow, was presented by the members of the town council with a diamond ring on the occasion of his receiving the degree from the university.

A big poultry farm is projected at Perth, where fowls will be incubated and reared by machinery after the ordinary method has done its duty. It is estimated that 30,000 eggs will be ready for the market each year.

Mr. J. McIntyre, postmaster of Oban, has been appointed to the post office at Oban, Kilmarnock. McIntyre was going to Oban for a considerable number of years in the general post office, Glasgow.

Mr. James W. Vail, medical officer of health for Greenock, in practice at Greenock for 54 years, who died on the 10th of October last, aged 82, was a personal friend of the United Kingdom Victoria Cross.

Those interested in the proposal to hold an exhibition in Edinburgh in 1907, have an exhibit in Edinburgh at Murrayfield, in the case of a site granted to the city, extending to about 80 acres. It includes the polo field and is accessible by rail and car, both railway systems.

Dingwall town council has decided to begin the erection of new municipal buildings at once. The estimated cost is £1,500, and of that sum the council has £1,000, and the balance of £500, which Mr. Andrew Carnegie has promised to give the half of the balance required.

The Rev. Dr. Frew, of Glasgow, has entered upon the seventeenth year of his ministry in the old South U. F. Church, St. Ninians, near Stirling. His predecessor, Mr. James G. Frew, died in 1887.

Miss Georgina G. Balfour, who is a daughter of the Rev. Dr. G. Balfour, moderator of the United Free Church of Scotland, has been trained at the Edinburgh School of Gardening for Women, Costermore.

The death has occurred at Blair Drummond of Mr. John Drummond, of Blair Drummond, in the 84th year of his age. Mr. Balfour was one of the best known sportsmen in West Perthshire, and had been for a long period of fifty-two years factor on the Blair Drummond estate.

The unprecedented failure of the herring fishing in the Firth of Clyde this year has occasioned much distress among the fishing community. Many homes are experiencing great hardship. A well-known buyer recently gave his estimate that the loss to the fishing community alone would be nearly £50,000. A relief fund has been started in the latter town.

The remains of Constable James Kelt, Edinburgh, were interred with military and police honors. Deceased had served in the Highland Light Infantry, and a detachment of the battalion from the Castle of Edinburgh, the eighty men of B. division of the police force and pipers, as well as members of the Order of Scottish Mechanics, took part in the funeral procession.

The death has occurred at 365 Great Western road, Aberdeen, of Mr. William Gordon, late of Bracken, Pictou, who was known as "The Pittie Shepherd." His wife, Mrs. Shepherd, who still survives, is a daughter of James Hogg, the third edition of whose "Memoirs," edited by

himself, was issued the other week. Mr. Gordon was 81 years of age, and had been resident in Aberdeen for about thirteen years.

IRELAND.
Private Jordan, 6 feet 5 inches, is one of the latest recruits in the Irish Guards. He is a native of the county of Wick, and is to be presented with the freedom of Cork.

The poorness of the Irish potato crop is said to be the cause of the poverty which which growers have clung to their "champion" seed.

Mr. Felix Nolan, born at Oulart, County Wick, two years after the historic battle which was fought there in 1795, has died at the age of 101.

Mr. John McElride, formerly mayor with the Poor Law Board in the above town in Westport, where it is thought he is not likely to be interfered with by the government.

Spinning at Dublin, Lord Dunraven said that under the operation of the Land Act and with the aid of the tariff reform proposals, the prospects of agriculture in Ireland were bright.

The death is announced at Belfast of William Francis Collier, L.L.D., teacher and author of several school histories which have enjoyed some popularity. Dr. Collier was 73 years of age.

While Mr. Richard Gardiner, a magistrate and land owner, was duck and shot at Clough, County Sligo, a shot was fired at him by an unknown person. The bullet struck a tree close to Mr. Gardiner's head. He was not hurt, but the shot was a very close one.

For the third time, the previous jury has been discharged. The government has spent £1,000 in connection with the trial.

A BRIGHT CHRISTMAS NOTION.
In a fashionable private school on the lower west side a pretty and charitable Christmas custom is in vogue. A few days before school closes for the Christmas holidays the principal asks the younger children to bring to her any broken or outworn toys for which they have no further use. These toys, she explains, she will send to the various children's hospitals, for the sick boys and girls.

The little lecture serves its purpose in a somewhat old-fashioned. The next morning one or two children bring the principal a handful of more or less dilapidated toys. Then, childlike, each of the donors falls to commending her own offerings with those of the others.

Rivalry sets in, and the next morning more and prettier toys appear. By the third day half the school is drawn into the contest. No scholar is willing to have the others think his toys are not as beautiful or expensive as theirs. So, day by day, more and prettier toys and other gifts pour in. The original handful of broken, cast-off playthings has looked on with scorn and envy. The donors have long since atoned for the "first offense" by newer and richer donations.

Accordingly, by the last day of school, there is fully a wagon load of toys and other pretty presents awaiting to start for the children's hospitals. The scholars have fairly outdone themselves in the double effort to outdo each other and to share their own Christmas joy with less fortunate tots.—New York World.

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SAVING FLOUR GOLD.
Discovery That Bright Particles Will Adhere to Crude Oil Is Principle.

Portland Oregonian.
The first system evolved for saving flour gold with the use of crude oil or products of petroleum did not go beyond the utilization of the discovery that certain lustrous metals will adhere to oil. But it has been the means of starting experiments along a new line, that may result in some meritorious method of saving values of fine gold. Finley & Bandy, of Boise, Idaho, are building a plant for use on Snake river, that will mine from the sand and gravel of the Snake river, which is a large quantity of material that passed over the plates and scoured them, the Finley & Bandy project has excited great interest among the miners, who are striving to master this difficult problem.

The concentrating device used first is of the belt table type, having nothing new in this respect, and is adjusted to save both the coarse cubical black sand and the fine gold. The action would flour gold constitute a heavy proportion of the fine material in a Snake river bar, the duty of the table is heavy.

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Eastern and Western Ideas of Happiness

The Western mind is not to be convinced that happiness is unattainable. Philosophers have preached for thousands of years that the pursuit of it is vain, and only adds disappointment to our necessary evils. For thousands of years they have been proving that we have no right to expect anything of life. We are free passengers from the cradle to the grave and must make full faith with the accommodation provided for us. The universe is not an entertainment carried on for our amusement. Its purposes are obscure, but, whatever they may be, our delight is not of them. Sometimes we are made to live this doctrine. When things go badly with us, we may take it as a temporary drug; but our minds refuse to accept it as their staple diet. In our normal state we seem to be hauled off our feet by the happiness that is only transitory and casual; not a part of the nature of things, but the result of our own folly and weakness or of the folly and weakness of mankind. The machinery of life is very intricate; but it can be improved, and it is every one's business to improve it. Even regarded gloomily, life for us is like the night to a sleepless man, who thinks that he would fall asleep but for frequent little noises that may cause at any moment the door to be opened and a mouse nibbles, or a dog barks, and frightens it away. So it is with happiness. We assume it to be the normal condition of our minds, and we resent whatever interferes with it. We are angry even with the petty malignities of chance. Indeed, we give different names to the same power according as it treats us. Our unavoidable misfortunes are imputed to chance, and we are indignant that it brings us gratuitous good things. Even the devout see a kind of incompetence in a hostile chance, and revile it as they revile the incompetence of a railway company that loses their luggage. Our sentiment that even a better is so strong that it colors our view even of things clearly beyond human control. Our experience supports and strengthens that sense, and our history is the result of it. We see that countries that are more or less governed, our history seems to prove to us that government on the whole grows better with time and experience. So we have an inherited faith in criticism and revolutionary change, and unconsciously we are that belief to things that are beyond our understanding and control. We are so used to criticizing and improving our own institutions that we criticize and improve those of the universe. Only a very conception of religious divinity is beyond the grasp of the progressive changes of our life and polity. We cannot reconcile ourselves to the idea of a Supreme Being content with imperfections against which we have learnt to rebel. The God of a past age seems to us, like its political and moral ideas, obsolete and inconsistent with things as they are. Just as we believe that happiness is attainable though not yet attained, so we cannot resign ourselves to thinking that the ways of God to man are inscrutable, even when we are least able to explain them; and the deeper our religious sense, the deeper we sound for an explanation. We are sceptical, not because we think all hope to discover one truth, than any that exist. Hence there is a restless and questioning uncertainty in our conception of God. And that uncertainty seems to us to be the best proof we can give of the superiority of our religious sense. We cannot worship a being whom we cannot wholly admire. Therefore we are at incessant pains to make our conception of God worthy of our worship, and we are sure that the closer that conception rises the nearer it will be to the truth.

But to the Oriental all this questioning and revision seem vain and impious. The ways of God and the ways of the King are alike beyond his understanding and control. Resignation is the only remedy for calamity, and the chief of all virtues. Government, he holds, can no more be improved than the constitution of the universe. Both may seem tyrannical to the inquisitive, but without complaint. All that he knows of history confirms this view of life; and it of course has helped to make his history. He has never got the better even of the King. How can he expect to get the better of the forces of Nature? Neither in heaven nor on earth can there be any revolution for his good. He was not intended to be happy either by his heavenly or his earthly rulers. Things are as they are, and if he struggles with them they will destroy him. Therefore, it is for wisdom to teach endurance, not enterprise; and discontent is never divine. This theory of life has the interest of all remote and exotic things for us. We find an unexpected, marvellous beauty, as of a desert flower, in some of its highest expressions. We may even in downcast moods incline to see some truth and wisdom in it. But it can never grow into our minds or direct our lives. Sometimes it may take our fancy to cry, "Vanity, vanity, but we know all the while it is only a greater vanity that makes us utter that cry. We know that disillusion is only a fit of temper with us, and that it cannot give us any satisfaction, except the passing one of novelty. In

deed, we are so full of life and hope that the philosophy of despair is a diversion to us. We call ourselves the sport of fate gives us an agreeable sense of irresponsibility. It refreshes our minds sometimes to take a holiday among these alien philosophies; but, having taken it, we return with a new zest to our normal business view of life. It is an imperfect view we are willing to confess; but imperfection, though it may be a law of life, only urges us to further efforts. We look rather at how much has been achieved than at the infinite amount of what is yet to do. Till we have found a faith that will not only help us to get the better of it, but will help us to make it, we must have a working hypothesis. It grows more consistent and explicit with every new triumph over the hostile inertia of things. Meanwhile, we only play with disillusionment as a lover plays with it. For, indeed, we are in love with life, and our infatuation is sharpened by the lover's sense of thwarted omnipotence. There is an infinite power in us that circumstances baffle, but only for a time. In the end we shall master circumstances and make life what we dream of it. So the philosopher, who tells us that we can be comfortable if only we will consent to expect nothing, might as well preach his theory of renunciation to Rome. We do not wish to be comfortable, but to live. Round less expectation is life for us. We enjoy it so much for its own sake that we are not to be cured of it by its attendant discomforts. Life may be a fever, but we prefer it to stupor; and, in perfect happiness, we are not contented there; more happiness is to be got out of pursuing it than from sitting down and submitting to a siege of all the miseries. If life is a war, we will take the offensive in it, for the offensive alone can give us the complete victory of which we dream. A. C. M. Brock, in "The Speaker."

ACCEPTING THE INEVITABLE. Conversation with Japanese Reservists. Homebound Bound on the Yangtze. There arrived from Seattle on the Whatcom last evening a number of Japanese reservists, who have been summoned from the military parts of the United States by the minister of war to join the colors under the flag of the United States. These men will go home on the White Funnel liner, Yangtze, next morning, and will be sent to the front in the Japanese army. Several of these reservists are men of considerable intelligence, and they have no intention of deserting the cause of the United States. One of the home-bound Japanese was a tailor in an island city of the United States, and his wife had taken to represent those of his class in the Japanese nation. He rejoiced that the honor had been done to him of recalling him to his native land, and he was glad to see the fulfillment of a duty every son of Japan owed to his land. They were ready to suffer danger, disease, hunger, and death, for the sake of the beloved Japan.

Then, it was upon the shoulders of Japan that the duty had devolved of checking the progress of a cruel and rapacious and unprincipled nation, Russia. No one knew better than the Japanese statesmen the full scope of Russia's plans in Asia. It might sound extravagant, but those plans comprehended nothing short of a Russian Asia; the Cross of St. Andrew waving over the elder continent from the Arctic Ocean to the Caspian Sea. Yes, Japan would be victorious; not because she was braver or had more resources, or that she had the tact approval of several great powers in her struggle, but because from her field marshals and her admirals down to the humblest soldier and private soldier, every son of Japan was animated with an intense, fervent, passionate love of country—a sentiment which makes even the weakest soldier terrible to any foe.

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